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**Amendments to the claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 10, 22, and 24 are amended.

No new matter has been added

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto cards, comprising:  
an external communication link enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;  
a controller within the printer in communication with the communication link;  
a USB hub internal to said printer;  
at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and  
a plurality of data couplers connected to between the data writer and the USB hub providing communications between the data writer and the USB hub.

11. (Original) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein said USB hub is electronically integrated therein.

Claims 12-20 (canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and  
wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via said USB hub.

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22. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto plastic cards, comprising:

an external communication link enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;

a controller within the printer in communication with the communication link;

at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and

a plurality of data couplers connected ~~to~~ between the data writer and the controller providing communications between the data writer and the controller.

23. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 22, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via said controller.

24. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto plastic cards, comprising:

a plurality of external communication links enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;

a controller within the printer in communication with at least one of the communication links;

at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and

a plurality of data couplers connected ~~to~~ between the data writer and a plurality of the external communication links providing communications between the data writer and the external device.

25. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 24, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via the external device.

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26. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the USB hub to a form used by the data writer.

27. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 22, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the controller to a form used by the data writer.

28. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 24, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the external device to a form used by the data writer.